

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 435; and

Group II, claims 9-10, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 48.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8.

The Examiner has also required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1;

Species II, illustrated in Fig. 2;

Species III, illustrated in Fig. 3;

Species IV, illustrated in Fig. 4;

Species V, illustrated in Fig. 5;

Species VI, illustrated in Fig. 6; and

Species VII, illustrated in Fig. 7.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1, without traverse.

Claims 1-3 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claim 1 is generic.

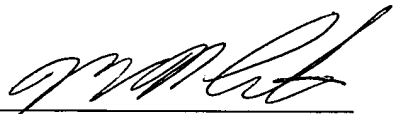
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Registration No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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